

# 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time



## THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency? Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

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## July 23, 2017

### St. Mary Magdalen Parish Mission Statement

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church is called to foster a welcoming community, to form disciples for Jesus Christ and to joyfully evangelize. **Unifying Vision:** Walking together with Christ, igniting the Spirit within, living God's Call.

#### Parish Weekly Bulletin

## St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

6425 West Metairie Avenue Metairie, Louisiana 70003

#### PARISH OFFICE

Pastor.....Rev. Christian DeLerno, Jr.  
 Parochial Vicar.....Rev. Vincent Phan  
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[magdalen@smm.nocoxmail.com](mailto:magdalen@smm.nocoxmail.com)

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday.....9:00AM - 4:00PM  
 After hours by appointment only

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon.- Fri., 6:30 AM & 8:30AM; Sat., 8:00 AM

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 PM

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM  
 Sunday Masses - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM  
 6:00 PM

#### SCHOOL OFFICE

Principal.....Mrs. Valerie Rodriguez  
 Religion Coordinator.Mrs. Melanie Gaumont  
 Secretaries.....Mrs. Dianne Hughes  
 Mrs. Caren Favalaro  
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 Cafeteria..... (504) 733-6580  
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#### BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Co-Directors...Caren Favalaro & Shari Mader  
 Phone.....(504) 733-4768  
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#### In Church, be sure to visit:

**PRO-LIFE CORNER; ADULT PARISH  
 LENDING LIBRARY; CHILDREN'S  
 CORNER/LIBRARY/PRAYER CENTER**  
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#### SOCIAL APOSTOLATE MINISTRY

Hours: Wednesdays, 5:30PM-6:30PM  
 Facility Entrance on W. Metairie Ave. to right  
 of church.....734-5833

#### GIFT SHOP & PRAYER GARDEN

Hours: Tues. & Fri.....1:00PM-5:00PM  
 Saturdays.....2:00PM-5:00PM  
 Sundays.....8:30AM-12:15PM  
 Phone:.....734-5833

**BAPTISMS:** Every 2nd Sunday before/during 11AM Mass & 3rd Sunday at 12:15PM. Pre-Registration for Baptism Seminars is now required by calling 733-8980.

#### Archdiocesan Policy on Infant Baptism:

[www.arch-no.org/HumanResources/Policies/PolicyonInfantBaptismOR](http://www.arch-no.org/HumanResources/Policies/PolicyonInfantBaptismOR) may be found on the Parish website.

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Must have 2 consecutive years of Catholic religious instruction prior to reception of these sacraments. Contact Parish Religious Education Coordinator for further information.

#### WEDDINGS:

Contact Parish priest at least 6 to 8 months prior to planned date of marriage. Celebrated Friday evenings; Saturday mornings, early afternoons or evenings. Church Fee: \$300; Chapel Fee: \$100.

#### FUNERALS:

You are encouraged to celebrate funerals in our Church or Chapel. Wakes & visitation also possible.

#### CARE OF THE SICK:

Communion brought to Homebound weekly by Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. Anointing of Sick available on individual basis by appointment.

#### CARE OF THE NEEDY:

See Social Apostolate Ministry.

#### EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Sundays, 12:15-1:15PM

Call Parish Office for further information.

**PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church**  
**Metairie, Louisiana**  
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Rev. Christian W. DeLerno, Jr.

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Rev. Vincent Phan

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, July 24**

6:30 AM Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen

8:30 AM Peggy Hileman

**Tuesday, July 25**

6:30 AM John Haggerty

8:30 AM Paul Andrew Ledet

**Wednesday, July 26**

6:30 AM Mary "Mimi" Cerise

8:30 AM Maryann deLaneuville

**Thursday, July 27**

6:30 AM Living Intention for Steve Scalise & Family

8:30 AM Anne Frantz

**Friday, July 28**

6:30 AM Gloria Jensen

8:30 AM Inez Taliancich

**Saturday, July 29**

8:00 AM Dot Suhor

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**17th Sunday of Ordinary Time Vigil**

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Dean D'Arcangelo, Aimee Marus, Julio Anleu, Gracia Anleu, Kevin Reynolds, Maryann deLaneuville, Bernice Gallagher, Benny Hagstette, Living Intention for Mark Dyer

**Sunday, July 30**

**17th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Cindy Spence

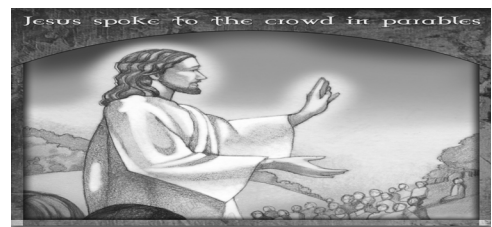
9:30 AM SMM Parishioners

11:00 AM Zenobia Drury, Lorraine Beninato, Brett Radecker, Carol Aucoin, Renee Rangel, Les Murray, George O'Neil, Ethel Wong

6:00 PM Bonura & Harmon Family

**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Teresa Lacour, Ryan Thiel, Gracelyn Chaplain, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Kelly Fletcher Grawl, Kenneth & Kevin Teen, Ben Todd, Joe Giarratano, Luca Scozzari, Evelyn Olwell, Brian Dufour, Mary Ann Meaux, Dilly Surratt, Yvonne Troups, Ryan Songy, Gayle Songy, Nathan Lopiccolo, Linda Nicholls, Sherry St. Pe, Rosemarie Entringer, Judge Thomas Wicker, Ivan Antunovic, Arianna Crawford, Claire Duplantier, Daphine Dufour, Melissa Glueck, Danny Adams, Allison Daigre, Olivia Sumrall, Michael Borne, Bob & Linda Veitinger, Elise Ramcourt, Jeanene Moran, Kelly Nagy, Cindy Hogman, Addison Couvillion, Jerry Fender, Linda Conran, Kayla Pelman, Nick Doize, Marcia Graff, David Robins, Ashley Clement, Wanda Adams, Jenny Mayeur, Judith Massa, Carol P. Ramos, Rosemary Pizza, Julianne Andressen, Lauretta Erwin, Ryan Olwell, Judy Copping, Mark Morice, Jessica LeBlanc, Viola Juneau, Betty Feltey, Barry Stephens, Lori Lambert, Kathryn Feltey, Frank Kent, Ray Groves, Michael Rodriguez, Kathleen E. Jones, Melanie Gaumond, Alice Rockvoan, Paul Powers, Rose Marie Curran, Anthony James Lapinto, Louise DeLuca, Mark Lucich, Willie Arnouville, Chad Costes, Sherry Gaffney, Ray Talbot, Dean Babin, Janet Kaleher, Norvin Schexnaldre, Dianne Seman, Matthew DiBuono, David Williamson, Toni Landry, Musette Barrouquere, Daniel Hereford, Katherine Sclafani, Catherine Carlin, Edie Dorion, Carl Caffarel, Heidi Nuss, Luke Nuss, Donald Booth, Kristi LeBlanc, Tammy Graves Coen, Janice Childress, Nick Marzoni, Tina Guillot, Glen Buras, Joyce Chiusano, Richard LeBlanc, Marsha Robert, Rose Keller, Leah Conlin, Abigail Robinson, Austin deBlois, Patrick Mulhern



**PRAYER DURING HURRICANE SEASON**

"Through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, may we be spared all loss of life and property during this hurricane season, we pray to the Lord."

*Hurricane season began June 1.*



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**CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES**

*Living the Word*

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Try a little weeding experiment this week in your own garden, or just with a patch of grass outside near the sidewalk. Is it easy or hard to distinguish the weeds from the grass? Is it easy or hard to pull up the weeds without disturbing the flowers or grass?

**Discuss:** Ask if there have been times when it has been difficult to know what is right or good to do. Can we relate to this sower.

**CHILDREN’S CORNER**

**JULY:** Month of St. Mary Magdalen, Patroness. **Prayer Center Theme is:**

*St. Mary Magdalen you were a good friend to Jesus. Please help me to be more like you by.....*



Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Sunday Masses once a month.



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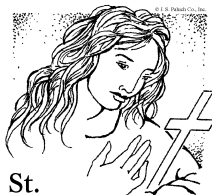
Those who are just must be kind.  
— Wisdom 12:19

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

For centuries, the only Eucharistic Prayer we heard as Western Catholics was the old Roman Canon, usually recited in a low voice by the priest, in Latin. By the 1940s, many Catholics were learning to follow along with the actions of the priest by means of a bilingual missal, with Latin on one side and English on the other. Drawings of the priest’s position at the altar, moving from one side to the other, or bowing or standing with uplifted hands at the center, helped the readers stay on track. The Roman Canon is a long prayer, and since it was done every day for every occasion, priests had a way of galloping through it. Even though long, its structure is fairly simple, with the consecration and sacrifice clearly marked out. Sadly, this surviving prayer had triumphed over many treasures of our tradition that emphasized other dimensions of Eucharist. The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* in 1963 did not call directly for new Eucharistic Prayers, but that direction was inevitable. Discussion began almost immediately, and by 1967 the Vatican approved three new Eucharistic Prayers. In 1974, the Congregation for Worship unveiled the experiment of two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation, and three for Masses with Children. At last, a period of creativity and enrichment had begun.

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**Saint Mary Magdalen  
Feast Day  
July 22**



St. Mary Magdalene

Mary of Magdala was known for having seven demons driven out of her before her love was transformed and directed by Christ. Her conversion brought her to such great devotion to Christ that she followed him, standing loyally and faithfully nearby during his arrest and crucifixion. She was the first to see and speak to the Risen Christ and was commissioned by Him to announce His Resurrection to the world. From that point, she was known as the **“Apostle to the Apostles”**. She, along with the Apostles, received the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost and went out into the world proclaiming the Good News. She spent the last 30 years of her life and a contemplative hermit.

**DECREE** Elevating the Celebration of Mary of Magdala to the Rank of Feast the Church, both in the East and in the West has always regarded Saint Mary Magdalene the first witness of the Lord’s resurrection and the first evangelist, and with the greatest reverence has always honored her although in diverse ways. Given that in our time the Church is called to reflect in a more profound way on the dignity of Woman, on the New Evangelization and on the greatness of the Mystery of Divine Mercy, it seemed right that the example of Saint Mary Magdalene might also fittingly be proposed to the faithful. In fact this woman, known as the one who loved Christ and who was greatly loved by Christ, and was called a “witness of Divine Mercy” by Saint Gregory the Great and an “apostle of the apostles” by Saint Thomas Aquinas, can now rightly be taken by the faithful as a model of women’s role in the Church. Therefore the Supreme Pontiff Pope Francis has established that from now on the celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene should be inscribed in the General Roman Calendar with the rank of Feast rather than Memorial as is presently the case.

**Prayer to Saint Mary Magdalen**

*Saint Mary Magdalen, who by your conversion became the beloved follower of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love. You, who already possess eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me, so that some day I may share in the same everlasting joy. Amen.*

**Prayer to Saint Michael, the Archangel**

St. Michael, Archangel defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host cast, by the power of God, into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.


## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes (7/09)	\$ 6650.00
Loose Collection	\$ 2891.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9541.06</b>
2nd Collection-Bldg & Maintenance	\$ 2994.00
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### LET'S PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

In order to support vocations in our diocese, you are asked to add a special prayer for seminarians to your daily prayers. The best way to encourage and support our seminarians is to pray for them.

#### Prayer for Vocations

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**Pray for Vocations** *Loving God, How awesome are your ways! Through your abundant love you bless us with gifts that can make our world holy and just. Dwell deep in our hearts that we may know how to share these gifts. Inspire many to respond generously to your call to service in the Church. May the fire of your love direct us on our journey that we may act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with you. We give you the praise and honor now and forever. Amen.*

### REDISCOVER JESUS: An Invitation

Join your fellow parishioners for a book study, discussion and faith sharing of Matthew Kelly's best seller. Continuing **Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>** in Massett Hall @ 7pm. We will meet for six sessions. Can't make them all? No Problem! Make as many as you can. Need a ride? Babysitting? No problem! Look for the flyer in church. Call 504-733-8980 for more info. The 4th session will be the Chapters 20-26.

### A PRAYER FOR EVERY FAMILY

by St. John Paul II

God, from whom all fatherhood in heaven and earth descends, Father, who are Love and Life, ensure that every human family on earth shall become, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, "born of woman," and through the Holy Spirit, the source of divine charity, a true shrine of life and love for the generations which are always renewing themselves. Ensure that Your grace shall guide the thoughts and the works of spouses toward the good of their families and of all families in the world. Ensure that the young generations shall find firm support in the family for their humanity and their growth in truth and love. Ensure the love, reinforced by the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony shall show itself to be stronger than any weakness and every crisis through which our families pass at times. Amen.

### PRAYER LIST FOR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

*We pray for those in our parish who are fighting overseas for our country and against terrorism.*

SPC Donald Monteleone, Jr., Air National Guard; Sgt. Brian Lane, Lt. Col. Jason E. Burkett, USMC; Matthew J. Scott, USN; Seth Restivo, Evan Lina; PFC Kenny Grunberg; Lt. Spencer Farmer, Army Rangers; PFC Matthew Ballard; Lt. Joseph Bush, US Army; GySgt Albert Latour Jr., USMC; Maj. Ignacio Assasf, USANG; Sgt. Matt Llewelan, USANG; SPC Derek Vial, US Army; MN3 Ethen Meyers, Michael J. Cristie, Sp. Serv., Brian Calvo, US Army; SPC Scott Hale, PFC Scott Hale, USMC



### Prayer for our Men and Women in Military Service

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen.



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### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Someone who has been thinking about converting to Catholicism, but has not taken the initial step? Someone who is already Catholic but feels that they have not progressed in or fully understand their faith and would like to pursue it further? Our journey of faith will begin in August and continue through Easter. If you are interested in joining the **RCIA Program** or have further questions, please call Susie at 733-8980.

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#### Readings for Sunday, July 30:

**First Reading** — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12). **Psalm** — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119). **Second Reading** — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30). **Gospel** — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, July 24

### Tuesday, July 25

KC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg in Ministries Bldg 7:00 PM

### Wednesday, July 26

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM

St. Jude Society Meeting in Chapel 7:00 PM

Rediscover Jesus Group in Massett Hall 7:00 PM

### Thursday, July 27

### Friday, July 28

KC Car Show on Backfield 6:30 PM

### Saturday, July 29

Confessions in Church, 2:30-3:30 PM

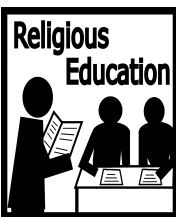
### Sunday, July 30

SMM School Uniform Swap in Massett Hall, 8AM-12:00PM

Family Mass 9:30 AM

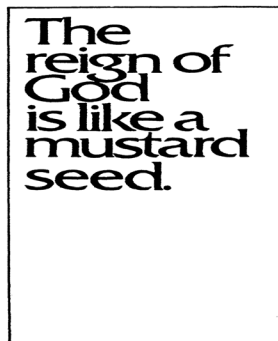
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM

CYO Meeting in Lodge 7:00 PM



### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEEDS INSTRUCTORS

SMM Parish School of Religion, which meets on Monday evenings from 6:45-8:00 PM is in need of religion instructors (grades 1—11). Qualifications for instructors: baptized, practicing Catholic willing to share their faith with our young people. If interested, please contact Mrs. Linda Earle, Director of Parish Religious Education at 733-8980 or at [learle@smm.nocoxmail.com](mailto:learle@smm.nocoxmail.com).



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### 18TH ANNUAL SMM SERVICE AWARDS

The following parishioners will be recognized for their dedicated service to SMM Parish at the St. Mary Magdalen Feast Day Celebration on **July 23** at the 11:00 AM Mass:

#### 15 years of Service:

Nancy Dicharry (*RCIA & Adult Confirmation Instructor*) & Pat Wilkinson (*Homebound Minister*)

#### 35 years of Service:

Joe Dicharry (*Minister of the Word*) & Claire Noble (*Extraordinary Minister of Communion-EMC*)

Also, many thanks to these parishioners, as well as many others, who selflessly devote their time and talents to parish ministries here at SMM!

### SMM PARISH LENDING LIBRARY

All are invited to visit our Parish Lending Library located in the Pro-Life corner of the church. Seventy new books were recently added to the library and you can view them (plus much of the original collection) online at LibraryThing. The URL is <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/smmchurchlibrary/yourlibrary>. Take a few minutes to browse through our selections. Donations of religious or spiritual books, videos, CDs & DVDs for the library are always welcome and may be dropped off to the rectory office during regular business hours.

### VISIT SMM PRAYER GARDEN & GIFT SHOP

Our Gift Shop is open 2 days during the week (Tuesdays & Fridays) AND before and after all weekend Masses (except 6PM). We offer a beautiful assortment of cards & gifts for Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and all occasions. Also available - prayer cards, candles for all Saints to light in our Prayer Garden or take home with you. We invite you to visit our beautiful Prayer Garden & Gift Shop today.

### SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

SMM School & Parents' Club will hold a **Uniform Sale** on **Sunday July 30** from 9AM-12:00 PM in the Cafeteria. Donate your old uniforms; all items \$1 each.

SMM School is still accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year for students in Pre-K through 7th grade. Please call the school office at (504) 733-1433 to schedule a private tour or to receive registration information. Forms are also available on our website at: [www.smmcougars.org](http://www.smmcougars.org)